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Executive Summary

My project consisted of attending the Systematic Review Workshop held at the Falk Library, University of Pittsburgh on November 7 – 9, 2011. Through my attendance I gained a large amount of new information on the librarian's role as a partner in the systematic review process. Specific topics covered in the workshop included project organization, the systematic review reference interview, harvesting search terms, selecting the appropriate databases to search, applying methodology filters, identifying and searching grey literature, and writing the search strategy part for the Methods section of the journal article. My attendance at the Workshop prepared me to participate in systematic reviews done by University of Rochester Medical Center researchers, educate other librarians at Miner Library, serve as a coach for other librarians who participate in systematic reviews, and promote the added value a librarian can bring to the systematic review process at my institution.

Minority Populations Served

African Americans: No
American Indians/Alaska Natives: No
Asian Americans: No
Hispanics/Latinos: No
Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders: No
Other: No

Approaches and Interventions Used

N/A

Evaluation Activities

N/A

Problems or Barriers Encountered

N/A

Continuation Plans

N/A

Impact

Shortly after attending the Systematic Review Workshop I and another librarian began partnering with a researcher at the University of Rochester Medical Center who is conducting several research studies that review studies of pain medications. We have completed one comprehensive literature search for him and have started another. He has been extremely impressed with the thoroughness of our search strategy, our knowledge of different databases, and our familiarity with the PRISMA guidelines. Our knowledge has enhanced the value of librarians in his eyes.

Because of our satisfaction with the Workshop and the increasing demand for librarian participation in systematic reviews Miner Library plans to send additional librarians to the Falk Library's Systematic Review Workshop. A third librarian from Miner Library is registered for the April 2012 Workshop.

Lessons Learned

N/A

Other

N/A

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